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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 8, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-8, for prosecution at this time, without prejudice to the elected Group I claims and without prejudice to the non-elected Group II, Claims 9-18.

The election of Group I is made with traverse. The Examiner contends that Group II, Claims 9-18, are directed to a process that can be used to make a materially different product such as "a bearing sleeve and gears." Since Claims 9-18 specifically require the presence of a "centralizer" as a recited and necessary element in all of these Claims, it is respectfully believed that these Claims cannot be used to create "other and materially different products." This is because the required element of a "centralizer" would no longer be present. The method only creates a

"centralizer" and no other products. There is no separate status in the art for centralizers and the

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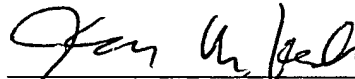
Restriction Requirement
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process for making centralizers; therefore, there is no additional burden on the Examiner due to the fact that no other search is required. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this clearly erroneous and improper restriction requirement as defined by Section 803 of the Manual for Patent Examining Procedure.

Accordingly, as all requirements of the Action have been complied with, an action on the merits and a Notice of Allowance are hereby respectfully solicited. If any further matter remains to be addressed which may be readily attended to, a telephone call by Examiner to the undersigned is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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